



An absentee voter drops off their ballot outside the Flathead County Courthouse in Kalispell, Mont., Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

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## Minor poll problems twisted into false US election claims

By Christina A. Cassidy and Geoff Mulvihill  
Associated Press

(AP) - Voters did not encounter widespread problems on Election Day. That has not stopped former President Donald Trump and other Republicans from falsely portraying minor snags at polling places to undermine confidence in the results.

Two years after conspiracy theorists spread the "big lie" about President Joe Biden stealing victory from Trump, they are now propagating smaller lies about the 2022 midterm elections.

Trump and GOP allies are distorting the truth about election hiccups that experts say officials handled well, including voting machine malfunctions in Arizona's largest county and errors in the poll books used to sign in voters in Michigan's largest city.

"While I think yesterday's election was smoothly conducted, nobody should assume that those forces, including the for-

mer U.S. president, seeking to subvert elections are going away," said David Levine, the elections integrity fellow at the Alliance for Securing Democracy and a former elections director in Ada County, Idaho. In 2020, conspiracies about a rigged election were fueled by bogus reports of suitcases stuffed with fraudulent ballots at a Georgia vote-counting operation and "ballot mules" loading up drop boxes with fraudulent ballots.

Since then, the GOP has kept up the rhetoric and laid the groundwork for contesting this year's midterm elections in an effort to sow doubt about Democratic victories. More than 100 lawsuits were filed across the country before Election Day. Those cases targeted mail-in voting rules, voting machine security and access for partisan poll watchers.

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Election worker Patrick Schmeichel prepares to process ballots that just arrived from a ballot drop-box on Election Day at the King County Elections headquarters, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, in Renton, Wash.

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But problems did not materialize on Election Day. The director of the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Jen Easterly, said Wednesday that the agency has "seen no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was any way compromised in any race in the country." Jennifer Morrell, a former local election official in Colorado and Utah who also now advises federal and state officials on election security and administration, said election officials were able to resolve issues quickly, showing that safeguards to ensure an accurate ballot count work. After Trump lost Arizona to President Joe Biden by just over 10,000 votes two years ago, he and his supporters peddled a string of allegations about election wrongdoing that crumbled under scrutiny.

Two years later, the state remains pivotal. Democrats held narrow leads Wednesday in too-close-to-call races for governor and U.S. Senate. Trump and some of his supporters sought to amplify problems with scanning ballots in roughly 25% of polling places in Maricopa County, home to Phoenix and the majority of the state's population. "The most concerning thing is the way those isolated incidents are being used to spread mis- and disinformation and lies around the election in an attempt to undermine people's confidence and faith in the election," said Sylvia Albert, director of voting and elections for the nonpartisan group Common Cause. Codes on ballots that were printed too lightly to be read by electronic tabulators caused the confusion. Affected voters were given a choice: Leave their ballots in a locked box at their

polling place to be counted at a central office on Wednesday, or take them to another voting center on Tuesday. Trump seized on the problem in a message on his social network. He said the problem, which appeared similar to a voting issue in New Jersey's Mercer County, was an effort by Democrats to "steal the election." "Every national election you have problems like these somewhere," said Lawrence Norden, senior director of the Elections and Government Program at the Brennan Center for Justice. "The fact that we're talking about them the next day speaks to the fact that there was an organized effort to weaponize these types of things." The Republican official overseeing the election in Maricopa County apologized for the inconvenience and pledged that every legal vote would be

counted no matter which method voters chose. But Kari Lake, the Republican candidate for governor, told her supporters that they should leave the ballot to be counted later only if they could not wait — and that they should not take it to another polling place. In a late-night speech to supporters Tuesday, Lake focused entirely on election issues. "The system we have right now does not work," she said. "We the people deserve to know on election night the winner and the loser, and we will bring that kind of election back to Arizona. I assure you of that." As falsehoods about voting mounted the past couple of years, election officials received death threats, some GOP-led states restricted voting by mail and public confidence in U.S. voting systems dwindled. Efforts to discredit electronic vote tabulators prompt-

ed calls to abandon the technology. In Milwaukee, a small group of observers at the city's central ballot-counting facility heckled a local election official Tuesday as she and her staff used a flash drive to export results from vote tabulators. Election skeptics also focused on a glitch in Detroit. Some electronic poll books used for signing in voters displayed an error message stating that numbers on ballots already had been assigned to an absentee ballot. Poll workers were able to use paper backup poll books when the electronic ones had problems. "It was identified and resolved quite quickly" and voters who were wrongly flagged were given ballots, said Jake Rollow, a spokesman for the Michigan secretary of state's office. Detroit is a Democratic stronghold in a swing state, so turnout there can be key in election outcomes. On Tuesday, Democrat Gretchen Whitmer was reelected as governor. Democrats also won races for attorney general and secretary of state, defeating Republicans who questioned the 2020 election results. The GOP candidates for governor and attorney general conceded. Trump still urged his supporters to protest in Detroit. Michigan's secretary of state, Jocelyn Benson, a Democrat who won reelection, said she was heartened that Trump's call was ignored. "The former president called on people to protest and no one did," Benson said, adding that she was relieved to see concessions from some of the statewide candidates who had repeated Trump's falsehoods about the 2020 election. "That, to me, is a mark of a successful election — that we had succeeded in running an election that was transparent, smooth and secure so that even people who might have been unhappy with the results still accepted them." □



## Abortion supporters win in conservative, liberal states

By Lindsay Whitehurst

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Abortion rights supporters won in the four states where access was on the ballot Tuesday, as voters enshrined it into the state constitution in battleground Michigan as well as blue California and Vermont and dealt a defeat to an anti-abortion measure in deep-red Kentucky.

In all, it was a dramatic illustration of how the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in June to eliminate the nationwide right to abortion has galvanized voters who support women's right to choose. The court's June decision has led to near-total bans in a dozen Republican-governed states and animated races around the country up and down the ballot.

The Kentucky result spurned the state's Republican-led Legislature, which has imposed a near-total ban on abortion and put the proposed state constitutional amendment on the ballot. The outcome echoed what happened in another red state, Kansas, where voters in August rejected changing that state's constitution to let lawmakers tighten restrictions or ban abortions. "As we saw in Kansas earlier this year, and in many other states last night, this



**Supporters react as preliminary results come in for Michigan Proposal 3 on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, in Detroit, Mich. Abortion rights supporters won in the four states where access was on the ballot Tuesday, as voters enshrined it into the state constitution in battleground Michigan as well as blue California and Vermont and dealt a defeat to an anti-abortion measure in deep-red Kentucky.**

(Ryan Sun/Ann Arbor News via AP)

is not a partisan issue," said Nancy Northup, president the Center for Reproductive Rights, in a statement. "People are energized and they do not want politicians controlling their bodies and futures." Nationally, about two-thirds of voters say abortion should be legal in most or all cases, according to AP VoteCast, an expansive survey of over 90,000 voters across the country. Only about 1 in 10 say abortion should be illegal in all cases.

About 6 in 10 also say the Supreme Court's abortion decision made them dissatisfied or angry, compared with fewer who say they were happy or satisfied. Still, the nationwide election results Tuesday reflected how voters' views on abortion rights can play out in complicated ways. By narrow margins, Wisconsin voters re-elected their pro-choice Democratic governor and an anti-abortion GOP senator. Kansas re-elected a Democratic governor who supports

abortion rights. Meanwhile, staunchly anti-abortion GOP governors in Georgia, Florida and Texas easily won their contests. Stephen Billy of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America rejected any suggestion that the overall midterm outcome reflected a surge of support for abortion rights. He acknowledged that abortion opponents were outspent in the key ballot-measure campaigns and needed to review their strategies. The Kentucky ballot mea-

sure was originally considered a conservative vote driver. But after the Roe decision, abortion-rights supporters raised nearly \$1.5 million to fight it.

Thousands of voters who cast their ballots for Republican Sen. Rand Paul split with the party on the abortion ballot measure, returns showed.

At a elementary school in Simpsonville, a small town outside of Louisville, 71-year-old Republican voter Jim Stewart said he voted for Paul, but chose no on the amendment, even though he's opposed to abortion.

"You got to have a little choice there," he said.

In Michigan, supporters of the push to protect abortion rights collected more signatures than any other ballot initiative in state history to get it before the voters. It puts a definitive end to a 1931 ban on abortion that had been blocked in court but could have been revived.

On Michigan State University's campus, junior Devin Roberts said students seemed "fired up" and that he had seen lines of voters spilling out of the school's polling places throughout the day. The ballot measure was one of the main drivers of the high turnout, he said. □

## CDC to conduct health study at polluted former Army base

By Martha Mendoza, Juliet Linderman and Jason Dearen

Associated Press

**(AP)** - Federal health officials are conducting a new study to determine whether veterans once stationed at a now-shuttered California military base were exposed to dangerously high levels of cancer-causing toxins. The decision by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention comes nine months after an Associated Press investigation found that drinking water at Fort Ord contained toxic chemicals and that hundreds of veterans who lived at the central California coast base in the

1980s and 1990s later developed rare and terminal blood cancers.

In a letter last Friday to Rep. Katie Porter, D-Calif., the director of the CDC's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Patrick Breyse, wrote that "there are sufficient data and scientific reasons for ATSDR to re-evaluate health risks related to historical drinking water exposures at Fort Ord." Porter had asked for a new study in February, two days after the AP published its story.

The agency did not immediately respond to a request seeking further details about the new study.

Army veteran Julie Akey, who lived at Fort Ord and was diagnosed in 2016 at the age of 46 with multiple myeloma, a rare blood cancer, said she is "confident that science will prove our high rate of cancers and illnesses are not a coincidence."

Akey started a Facebook group for Fort Ord veterans with cancer. The number has grown to nearly 1,000. In 1990, four years before it began the process of closing as an active military base, Fort Ord was added to the Environmental Protection Agency's list of the most polluted places in the nation. Included in



**Labeled with asbestos and lead warnings, sheeting covers rubble from demolished barracks at Fort Ord on Thursday, April 29, 2021, in Fort Ord, Calif. (AP Photo/Noah Berger, File) CDC to conduct health study at polluted former Army base**

that pollution were dozens of chemicals, some now known to cause can-

cer, that were found in the base's drinking water and soil. □



# Tropical Storm Nicole forces evacuations in Bahamas, Florida

By **FREIDA FRISARO**  
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**Associated Press**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Tropical Storm Nicole forced people from their homes in the Bahamas and threatened to grow into a rare November hurricane in Florida on Wednesday, shutting down airports and Disney World while prompting evacuation orders that included former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club. Hundreds of people sought shelter in the northwestern Bahamas before the approaching storm, which had already sent seawater washing across roads on barrier islands in Florida. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said the center of the sprawling storm made landfall on Great Abaco island around midday with estimated maximum sustained winds of 70 mph. "We are forecasting it to become a hurricane as it nears the northwestern Bahamas, and remain a hurricane as it approaches the east coast of Florida," Daniel Brown, a senior hurricane specialist at the Miami-based National Hurricane Center, said earlier Wednesday. Nicole is the first storm to hit the Bahamas since Hurricane Dorian, a Category 5 storm that devastated the archipelago in 2019, before hitting Florida. In the Bahamas, officials said that more than 520 people were in more than two dozen shelters. Flooding and power outages were reported in Grand Abaco. Authorities were especially concerned about a large Haitian community in Great Abaco that was destroyed by Dorian and has since grown from 50 acres (20 hectares) to 200 acres (80 hectares). "Do not put yourselves in harm's way," said Zhivago Dames, assistant commissioner of police information as he urged everyone to stay indoors. "Our first responders are out there. However, they will not put their lives in danger." In Florida, the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office said



This GOES-East GoeColor satellite image taken at 2:36 p.m. EST and provided by NOAA shows Tropical Storm Nicole approaching toward the northwestern Bahamas and Florida's Atlantic coastline on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

in a tweet that storm surge from Tropical Storm Nicole had already breached the sea wall along Indian River Drive, which runs parallel to the Atlantic Ocean. The Martin County Sheriff's office also said seawater had breached part of a road on Hutchinson Island. Residents in several Florida counties Flagler, Palm Beach, Martin and Volusia were ordered to evacuate such barrier islands, low-lying areas and mobile homes. There is no penalty for ignoring an evacuation order, but rescue crews will not respond if it puts their members at risk. Disney World and related theme parks announced they were closing early on Wednesday evening and likely would not reopen as scheduled on Thursday. Palm Beach International Airport closed Wednesday morning, and Daytona Beach International Airport said it would cease operations. Orlando International Airport, the seventh busiest in the U.S., was set to close at 4 p.m.. Further south, officials said Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Miami International Airport were experiencing some flight delays and cancellations but both planned to remain open.

At a news conference in Tallahassee, Gov. Ron DeSantis said winds were the biggest concern and significant power outages could occur, but that 16,000 linemen were on standby to restore power, as well as 600 guardsmen and seven search and rescue teams.

Almost two dozen school districts were closing schools for the storm and 15 shelters had opened along Florida's east coast, the governor said. Forty-five of Florida's 67 counties were under a state of emergency declaration. Florida Division of Emergen-

cy Management director Kevin Guthrie said Floridians should expect possible tornadoes, rip currents and flash flooding. Bahamas Prime Minister Philip Brave Davis, who is at the COP27 U.N. Climate Summit, drew attention to the link between storms and climate change. Tropical storm force winds extended as far as 460 miles (740 kilometers) from the center in some directions. It could intensify into a rare November hurricane before hitting Florida, where only two have made landfall since recordkeeping began in 1853 the 1935 Yankee Hurricane and Hurricane Kate in 1985. New warnings and watches were issued for many parts of Florida, including the southwestern Gulf coastline which was devastated by Hurricane Ian, which struck as a Category 4 storm on Sept. 28. The storm destroyed homes and damaged crops, including orange groves, across the state. damage that many are still dealing with. □



Sandbags are distributed at Mills Pond Park in Fort Lauderdale on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 ahead of subtropical storm Nicole. Bags will be limited to six per car, proof of residency is required, bring your own shovel, while supplies last from 7am to 7pm.

**Associated Press**



## Key fuel depot in Haiti reopens for 1st time since September

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Dozens of trucks lined up at a main fuel terminal in Haiti's capital Tuesday to fill up their tanks for the first time since a powerful gang seized control of the area nearly two months ago.

The drivers were protected by a heavily armed police convoy formed two days after gang boss Jimmy Cherizier, a former police officer nicknamed "Barbecue," announced that the G9 gang federation he leads was lifting a fuel blockade and allowing drivers to fill up at the depot.

Government officials said that gas stations, which have been closed since mid-September, would be resupplied Wednesday through Friday and open to customers on Saturday.

Officials with the Varreux terminal said 45 trucks were supplied with more than 300,000 gallons of diesel and more than 39,000 gallons of gasoline Tuesday.

It wasn't immediately clear if the gang federation retained control of the area



Workers fill fuel tanks with gas at the Varreux fuel terminal, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

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surrounding the depot in Port-au-Prince that contains about 10 million gallons of diesel fuel and gasoline and more than 800,000 gallons of kerosene.

On Monday, Haiti's Ministry of Defense issued a statement saying that soldiers and police seized control of the fuel terminal after 16 operations as it congratulated those efforts.

The situation had prompted

Prime Minister Ariel Henry to request the immediate deployment of foreign troops in early October, a request that the U.N. Security Council has yet to vote on. So far, the Security Council has only voted to place sanctions on Cherizier.

If gas stations open as planned, hospitals and businesses including banks and grocery stores are expected to resume normal

operations.

The government has not said whether an increase in fuel prices announced in September would remain in place. At the time, Henry said his administration could no longer afford to subsidize fuel, sparking large protests and the fuel blockade by the G9 gang federation that demanded the prime minister's resignation. □

## German economy to shrink in 2023, government advisers expect

BERLIN (AP) — The German government's panel of independent economic advisers forecast Wednesday that Europe's biggest economy will shrink by 0.2% next year.

The five-member panel's report came after official fig-

ures late last month showed unexpected growth in the third quarter, thanks to private spending.

But a weak winter, with gross domestic product declining in the last months of the year and in the first three months of next year,

is still widely expected. Two consecutive quarters of negative growth is one technical definition of recession, but the 19-country euro area has a body that also uses a broader set of data including employment numbers and depth of the economic decline to determine when a recession occurs.

The advisers' forecast of 1.7% growth this year and a decline of 0.2% in 2023 contrasts with a forecast at the end of March that German GDP would expand by 1.8% this year and 3.6% next year.

It's still more optimistic than a forecast by the government itself a month ago, which foresaw growth of 1.4% this year and a decline of 0.4% next year.

Inflation has increased to

10.4% in October as energy prices remain high, and the problem isn't expected to go away soon.

Wednesday's report predicted an average annual inflation rate next year of 7.4%, a little below this year's 8%. Officials say Germany is well-placed to get through the winter with sufficient energy after Russia cut off natural gas supplies but stress that it will still need to conserve the fuel that heats homes, powers factories and generates electricity. Federal and state officials agreed last week on the main details of a plan to provide up to 200 billion euros (dollars) in subsidies to households and businesses to ease the strain of high gas, electricity and heating prices through 2024. □



Cars and containers are pictured at the 'Duisport logport' logistics center at the river Rhine in Duisburg, Germany, Friday, Oct. 28, 2022.

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# Berlin expands old airport shelter as refugee housing scarce

By **KIRSTEN GRIESHABER** Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — The German capital is expanding a temporary refugee shelter at a former airport to accommodate 3,600 Ukrainians, as it struggles to put up more civilians fleeing Russian attacks on vital infrastructure ahead of the upcoming cold winter months.

While two former terminals at Tegel Airport were already opened for Ukrainian refugees in the spring, Berlin's state government is now racing to outfit two big tents on the tarmac with heaters for the winter. It has also opened a third terminal for the registration of further arrivals and put up 900 new beds, officials said Wednesday.

"With Russian President Putin targeting the country's heat and water infrastructure and the temperatures going down below zero soon, the numbers of refugees can skyrocket at any time," said Katja Kipping, the Berlin state government's senator for social issues, as she toured newly opened registration facilities at terminal C.



Refugees line up for food inside the temporary refugee shelter at the former airport Tegel in Berlin, Germany, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022.

Germany has taken in 1 million refugees from Ukraine since Russia attacked the eastern European country almost nine months ago. In addition, more asylum seekers than in previous years are coming here from countries such as Syria, Moldova or Afghanistan. Else-

where in Europe, the number of people applying for international protection has also reached highs not seen since well over 1 million people sought refuge on the continent seven years ago. Last week, the head of the German association of cities warned that many cities

around the country are no longer able to provide decent housing for refugees. The federal government tried to allay local communities' concerns last week, saying it is willing to provide 4.25 billion euros (\$4.26 billion) for this and next year to help take care of refugees and migrants.

But even with new federal funds, new housing units cannot be built as quickly as people keep arriving, city officials say.

At Tegel airport, some 1,500 Ukrainian refugees have currently found a temporary home most of them mothers with their children as the German capital's regular refugee homes with almost 28,000 beds are full. On Wednesday, some new arrivals were sitting on long in the vast former arrival hall, slurping down hot vegetable soup, while others crouched close together on old metal seats near the walls charging their phones on multiple sockets.

A family of five with a baby in a stroller and the father using a wheelchair was lining up in the old boarding pass and security control area to get registered, while several elderly women huddled up in big coats were standing in front of the former airline gates to go through police checks and have their fingerprints and biometric pictures taken. □

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# France sets its military goals as war is back in Europe

By **SYLVIE CORBET** The Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — President Emmanuel Macron said Wednesday that France's military strategy must strengthen the country as an independent, respected nuclear-armed power through the end of the decade, warning against a risk of escalation and other global effects of Russia's war in Ukraine.

"Europe is not sheltered anymore from missile and drone strikes. And we must integrate this reality," Macron said, speaking on the Dixmude helicopter carrier, docked in the Mediterranean military base of Toulon which is home to more than 24,000 troops.

Russia's aggression toward Ukraine "may precede broader geopolitical rival-

ries and a future that we have no reason to accept with fatalism," Macron said, as he was unveiling France's so-called "national strategic review," meant to define how the country's defense will look in 2030. France wants to be an "independent, respected, agile power at the heart of the European strategic autonomy" with strong links to the Atlantic alliance, Macron described.

As war is back on the European continent, France wants to focus on boosting the European Union's defense capacity building the bloc of 27 nations's security is still largely dependent on the U.S. and NATO. He insisted a "credible, modern" nuclear dissuasion is key. France is the only EU country with nucle-

ar weapons.

Macron was to be airlifted Wednesday afternoon to France's newest nuclear attack submarine, the Suffren, before meeting later in the day with some elite Navy commando members.

France's new strategic document provides that the country will maintain a "capacity to lead military operations, including those of high intensity, alone or within a coalition."

French troops will maintain their large presence abroad in an area stretching from sub-Saharan Africa to the Middle-East, through the Horn of Africa, Macron said.

He said France will launch talks in the coming days with its African partners and regional organizations



French President Emmanuel Macron delivers his speech at the French Navy base of Toulon, southern France, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022.

Associated Press

to make changes to the "status, format and missions of the current French military bases in the Sahel and West Africa." A new organization, based on cooperation between French and local armed forces, will be finalized within six months of the discussions, he said. Macron's speech marks the formal end of the so-

called Barkhane force after France withdrew its troops from Mali earlier this year following tensions with the ruling junta.

French operations to help fighting Islamic extremists in Africa's Sahel region are focusing on Niger, Chad and Burkina Faso, where the country has about 3,000 troops. □



## Faces of San Nicolas Resilience, value, pride, innocence and love



**ORANJESTAD** - The fifth year of the Aruba Art Fair will go down in history as a collection of faces of San Nicolas and its nature. An awareness campaign will begin soon in all schools regarding the conservation of the flora and fauna of Aruba. Of the ten local and international artists who took part in the Mural Festival, several of them chose to paint their perception of what the face of San Nicolas is, as well as the flora, fauna and nature of Aruba.

### Resilience

Mr. Dheo, an artist from Portugal, mixes photorealism with audacious lines under the guide of our very own Sarah Quita in order to create the big mural on the Van Rensealstraat, which carries the name Resilience. The view of a champion with more than 20 World titles under her name. The eyes that tell about every obstacle that she overcame, the desire to hear her anthem at the end, when she raises her trophy celebrating victory for her country.

From the moment Sarah Quita was approached by the foundation and me the artist, a friendship was born, and together they planned to the smallest detail what became one of the most attractive and moving murals in the Aruba Art Fair 2022. Even her lucky medal which she always wears is seen in the mural, which has a wonderful meaning. Sarah already went on to Japan, and before she did this, she promised to give her best for this beautiful work of art. Thanks go out to Mr. Nelo and his family who gave the opportunity to use such a beautiful wall.

### Value

Jenna Swartz, a young artist from Canada, was chosen to commemorate a defender of all that is San Nicolas and its problems, the person who ran after local organizations to bring light to our streets, warring with any official to know when solutions were being implemented, and who every occasion was present to express what's happening to his beloved San Nicolas. The defender of

San Nicolas is Hilario Donker.

It's worth noting that Jenna was introduced to San Nicolas through a tour, and she fell in love with the mystical value of its street art, and she sent in her curriculum in order to participate in the Mural Festival 2022.

### Pride

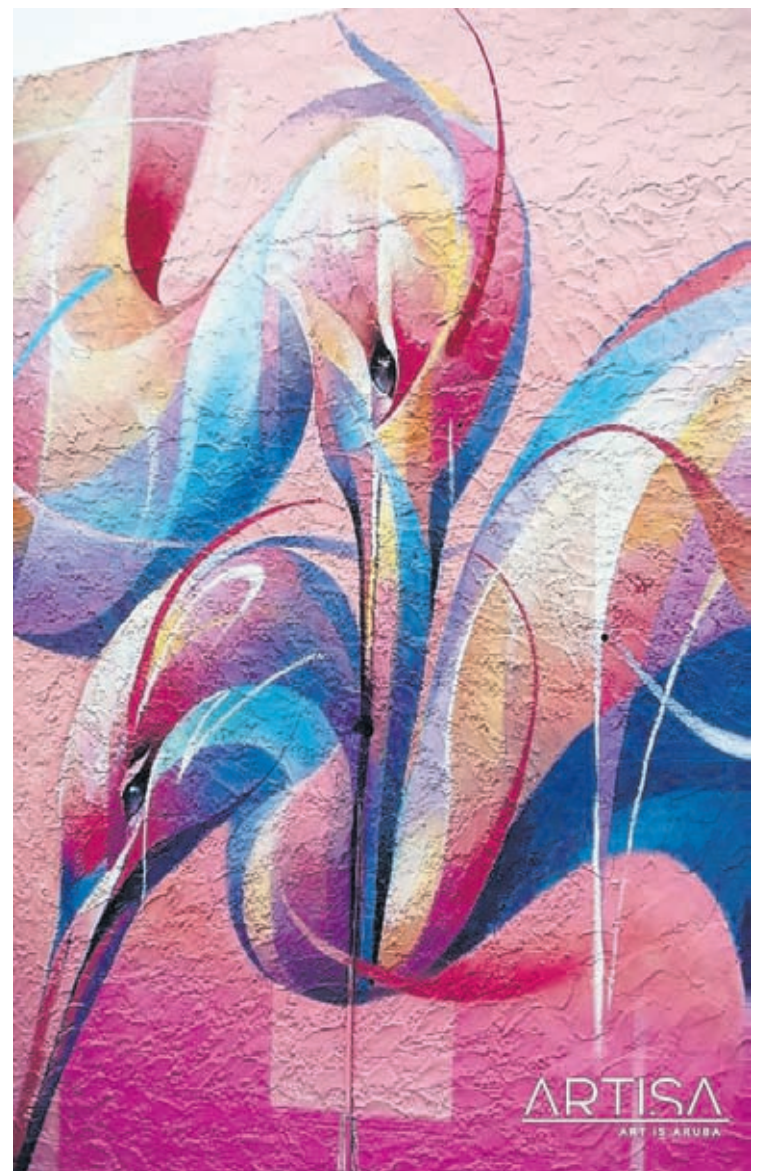
On the barbershop building in Promenade, those visiting San Nicolas can see the face of energy. Using different typical artifacts like straw hats, the child takes his pride position when he sees all those walking on the street. With his eloquent eyes, he stands for symbols of our beautiful country. The iguana wishes to protect our birds and our nature.

### Innocence

Sensational colors surround the face of one of San Nicolas' most precious residents. Anthem of the Caribbean is the name of the art work projecting the beauty of the color of the water with the beauty of the innocence of the Aruban child. Using different shades of color, WD Wild Painting from Yakarta who resides in Greece combined the setting sun. One of the most beautiful events ever seen, orange colors combined with purples bidding our island good bye. In a 3D painting, the artist makes use of a round mural, showing a unique depth.

### Love

The young muralist Leho from Taiwan illustrated one of Aruba's most loyal birds when they meet their mate. Illustrating also the colors of sunset in his painting, the muralist painted the love that he sees in the people of Aruba. This is not the first time the muralist visits our island. He is someone that visited Aruba many times on board of the Freewinds, and is beloved by the Chinese community. The young man took his time to educate a large group



of students and art lovers, teaching them the technique of combining surreal lines with paint. A record amount of visitors

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“We find it really important that our guests have fun; can relax while listening to live music while their taste buds are being tickled by France, The Netherlands and the Caribbean. We offer a unique fusion of dishes and a night not to forget,” says owner Tina. She points out that all Covid-protocol is in place here, they are very keen on hygiene and offer outside dining on a cozy, elegant terrace with social distancing in

place and right on the high-rise strip.

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## DCNA's Next Board Meeting and Public Presentation

**Kralendijk, Bonaire - The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) will host its biannual board meeting from the 16 November to 19 November on Bonaire.**

DCNA's Board meetings provide an important platform for discussing and strategizing the most effective ways to support protected area management organizations (parks) to safeguard nature on Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten. Besides, a presentation will be open to the public about research and monitoring in the Dutch Caribbean on Thursday 17th of November at 7 pm at Captain Don's Habitat, Bonaire.

The DCNA conservation network provides support to the parks of all six islands of the Dutch Caribbean. Critical components which will be discussed during the Board Meeting are the DCNA 2030 strategy, disbursement of the Conservation Trust Fund and fundraising strategy. Besides, updates will be given by the secretariat and DCNA working groups to improve research and monitoring efforts and youth participation. The DCNA board meeting is also an important opportunity for each of the parks to collaborate, share resources and exchange information and ideas. Working together, each island can learn from the others, maximizing their successes and learning from the more challenging experiences.



The DCNA has had some exciting changes since their last board meeting. It was a heartfelt goodbye for their previous Director Tadzio Bervoets and a warm welcome for their new team members: Arno Verhoeven as the new Director and Frederique van

Randwijck as relationship manager. Aside from conservation managers and the various experts of the Board of DCNA, observers from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN-NL), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-NL), BirdLife Netherlands and

the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) also participate in DCNA Board Meetings.

### Public Presentation

In addition, there will be a public presentation entitled "I see you: Research and Monitoring in the Dutch Caribbean" given by Diego Marquez who supports DCNA's Research & Monitoring Working Group. Research and Monitoring in the Dutch Caribbean has many challenges associated with it. In his pre-

sentation, Mr. Marquez will elaborate on these challenges and by using bird research and monitoring as an example, introduce pragmatic solutions on how to better understand these natural systems. This presentation is open to the public and will be held 17 November at 7PM in the meeting room at Captain Don's Habitat. □

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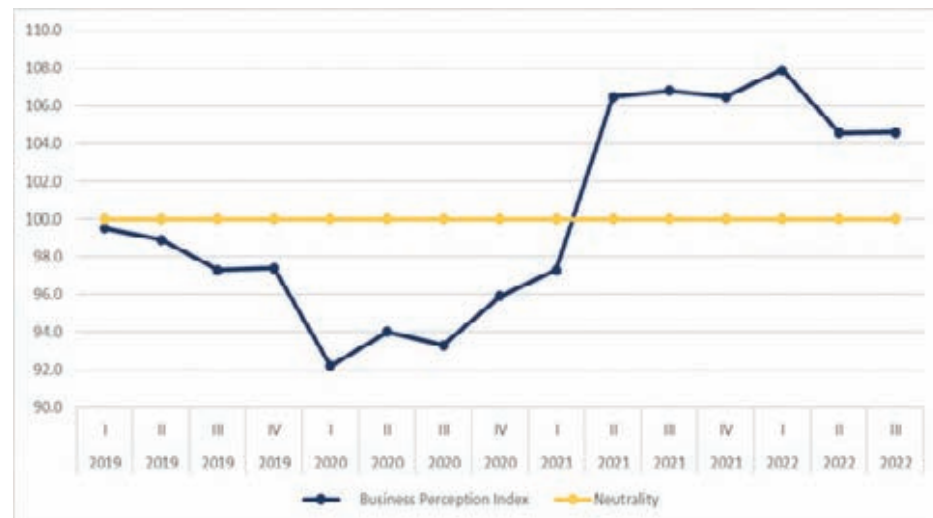
# Business sentiments remained practically unchanged in third quarter of 2022

## Results for the third quarter of 2022

**The Central Bank of Aruba (CBA) concluded its Business Perception Survey (BPS) for the third quarter of 2022. The BPS assesses the economic sentiments of local businesses.**

In the third quarter of 2022, the Business Perception Index (BPI), comprising the current and short-term economic conditions, remained unchanged at 104.6. This outcome resulted from a slight decrease in the current economic conditions (See Chart 1) .

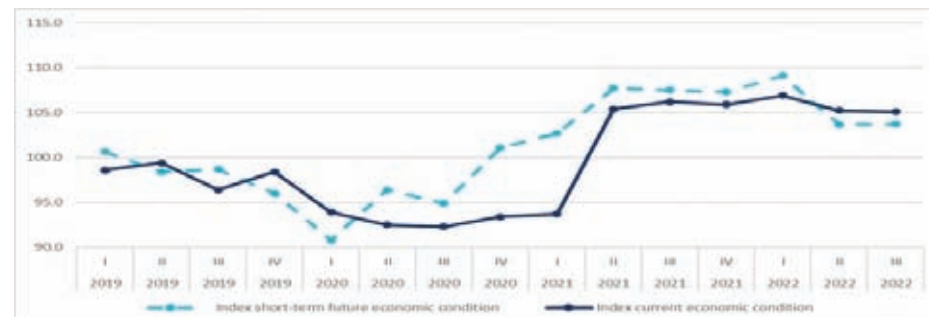
Chart 1: Business Perception Index



Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

The current economic condition index withered by 0.1 index point to 105.1, down from 105.2 in the second quarter of 2022. The short-term future economic condition index remained unchanged at 103.7 in the third quarter of 2022 (See Chart 2). The percentage of respondents expecting positive economic growth in the next 12 months increased by 9.3 percentage points to 43.9 percent.

Chart 2: Current economic and Short-term future economic condition Index



Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

The complete report of the Business Perception Survey is available on the website of the CBA [www.cbaruba.org](http://www.cbaruba.org)

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**After two years...**

## Aruba Beach Tennis Championship 2022 is back!

**ORANJESTAD – This Sunday, 13th of November, the biggest, most popular tournament, awarded as number one in the world, Aruba Beach Tennis Championship 2022 will begin.**

After two years of absence due to the pandemic, the organization took charge once more to organize this tournament. "It wasn't easy. Things began moving very slowly, the players were taking a long time to confirm. All this because of the financial situation worldwide. But even so, we held our heads high and kept enthusiasm high with the hope that the closer the day got, the amount of players would increase. And this is exactly what happened", Sjoerd de Vries said during an interview.

The tournament will take place once again in Bushiri Beach, with plenty of parking space.

More than 1,200 participants from 40 different countries will be battling to win prizes amounting to a total of \$60,000.00.

### The program is as follows:

Sunday 13th of November: Official opening, exhibition games and music by Honey Pot;

Monday 14th of November - Pro Mix Double, Amateur Mixed Doubles Tournament and 9PM music by DJ Aguilar;

Tuesday 15th of November – Pro Singles, Amateur & Singles Tournament, Amateur Mixed Doubles Finals, Pro Mixed Doubles finals and 9PM music by Alain Rockney;



Wednesday 16th of November – Pro Singles Finals, Amateur Singles Finals, Master Doubles Tournament, Junior Tournament Group Play and 9PM music by DJ Solar Plexus;

Thursday 17th of November – Pro Men's & Women's

Doubles QF, Pro & Amateur Team Cup Tournament, Junior Tournament Finals, Nations Cup and 9PM music by Souna;

Friday 18th of November – Pro Men's & Women's Doubles R32, Amateur Men's & Women's Doubles and



10PM music by Ataniro; Saturday 19th of November – Pro Men's & Women's Doubles R16-QF, Amateur Men's & Women's Doubles, Pro Doubles Consolation and 10PM music by DJ Yeimy;

Sunday 20th of November

– Amateur Men's & Women's Doubles Finals, Pro Doubles Consolation Finals, Pro Men's & Women's Doubles Finals and to close the event, DJ Nutzbeatz at 10PM.

Games begin every day at 9am, and finish around 9pm.

It must be mentioned that the kitchen will be well stocked. Aside from all this, there will also be different pop-up stores and also there will be daily happy hours.

For those who have attended this event in the past, they know that it is a spectacle in itself. Everyone is invited to join at Bushiri Beach! □





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONCE THE TRAVEL BUG BITES THERE IS NO KNOWN ANTIDOTE, AND I KNOW THAT I SHALL BE HAPPILY INFECTED UNTIL THE END OF MY LIFE. — MICHAEL PALIN

# Elon Musk sells \$3.95 billion worth of Tesla stock

By BARBARA ORTUTAY AP Technology Writer

Twitter's new owner and Tesla CEO Elon Musk sold nearly \$4 billion worth of Tesla shares, according to regulatory filings.

Musk, who bought Twitter for \$44 billion, sold 19.5 million shares of the electric car company from Nov. 4 to Nov. 8, according to Tuesday's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

He sold \$7 billion of his Tesla stock in August as he worked to finance the Twitter purchase he was trying to get out of at the time. In all, Musk has sold more than \$19 billion worth of Tesla stock since April, including those in Tuesday's filings, likely to fund his share of the Twitter purchase.

The takeover of Twitter has not been smooth and the social media platform has seen the exodus of some big advertisers in recent weeks in including United Airlines, General Motors, REI, General Mills and Audi.



Elon Musk speaks at the SATELLITE Conference and Exhibition on March 9, 2020, in Washington.

Associated Press

Musk acknowledged "a massive drop in revenue" at Twitter, which heavily relies on advertising to make money. Musk had signaled that he was done selling Tesla shares and the revelation that those sales continue left some industry analysts exasperated.

"Our fear heading into the final days of the deal was that Musk was going to be forced to sell more Tesla stock to fund the disaster

Twitter deal and ultimately those fears came true which speaks to some of the massive selling pressures on the stock of late," wrote Daniel Ives at Wedbush. "For Musk who multiple times over the past year has said he is 'done selling Tesla stock' yet again loses more credibility with investors and his loyalists in a boy who cried wolf moment." Most of Musk's wealth is tied up in shares of Tesla Inc. □

# Facebook parent Meta cuts 11,000 jobs, 13% of workforce



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks at Georgetown University in Washington, Oct. 17, 2019.

Associated Press

By BARBARA ORTUTAY AP Technology Writer

Facebook parent Meta is laying off 11,000 people, about 13% of its workforce, as it contends with faltering revenue and broader tech industry woes, CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a letter to employees Wednesday. The job cuts come just a week after widespread layoffs at Twitter under its new owner, billionaire Elon Musk. There have been numerous job cuts at other tech companies that hired rapidly during the pandemic.

Zuckerberg as well said that he had made the decision to hire aggressively, anticipating rapid growth even after the pandemic ended.

"Unfortunately, this did not play out the way I expected," Zuckerberg said in a prepared statement. □

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This photo provided by NASA shows a Northrop Grumman cargo ship about to be captured by the International Space Station's robot arm on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022.

Associated Press

## Cargo ship reaches space station despite jammed solar panel

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — A Northrop Grumman capsule delivered several tons of supplies to the International Space Station on Wednesday despite a jammed solar panel.

The shipment arrived two days after launching from Virginia. Only one of the cargo ship's two round solar panels opened following liftoff. Flight controllers tried in vain to open the stuck panel, but managed to draw enough power for the flight with just one.

As the capsule made its slow approach, the space station crew took pictures so engineers might understand what went wrong. NASA astronaut Nicole Mann then used the station's robot arm to grab the spacecraft, dubbed the S.S. Sally Ride in honor of America's first woman in space.

Among the 8,200 pounds (3,700 kilograms) of sup-

plies: brackets needed for a spacewalk next week to expand the station's power, as well as apples, blueberries, cheese, peanut butter and ice cream for the station's U.S., Russian and Japanese crew of seven.

Northrop Grumman is one of two companies that deliver cargo for NASA. The other is SpaceX, which will launch a shipment later this month. □

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## Latin star Bad Bunny tops Apple Music Awards after huge 2022

By **MARK KENNEDY**

AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Last year, the top Apple Music Awards went to three artists — Olivia Rodrigo, H.E.R. and The Weeknd. This year, there's only one — Bad Bunny.

The music streaming giant on Wednesday crowned the Puerto Rican reggaeton superstar its Artist of the Year, thanks in large part to his latest album, "Un Verano Sin Ti," which became Apple Music's most streamed album of 2022 and its biggest Latin album of all time.

"We're thrilled to celebrate the unmatched achievements of Bad Bunny, whose influence on every corner of culture could not be ignored in 2022," Oliver Schusser, Apple's vice president of Apple Music and Beats, said in a statement. Bad Bunny has amassed quite a few first on Apple Music, including having his "Moscow Mule" hold the record for the biggest Latin song of all time by first-day streams worldwide.

He logged 22 songs on the global Daily Top 100 list, breaking the record for most simultaneous entries



**Bad Bunny speaks at the Sony Pictures Entertainment presentation at CinemaCon 2022 in Las Vegas on April 25, 2022. The Puerto Rican superstar was named Artist of the Year, thanks to his latest album, "Un Verano Sin Ti," becoming Apple Music's most streamed album of 2022 and the biggest Latin album of all time.**

Associated Press

by a single Latin artist, and his songs have reached No. 1 on the Daily Top 100 in 34 countries worldwide — more than any other Latin artist.

The music service said annual winners are chosen

through a process that reflects both Apple Music's editorial perspective and what customers around the world are listening to the most.

The Apple Music Awards, now in its fourth year, con-

tinues to evolve, growing larger to encompass global music patterns.

The latest accolade caps quite a year for Bad Bunny. He won a Grammy for Best Música Urbana Album in 2022 and beat Drake, Ed

Sheeran, Harry Styles, Jack Harlow, Lil Nas X and Lizzo for Artist of the Year honors at the MTV Awards. He leads the Nov. 17 Latin Grammy nominations list with 10 nods — including album of the year and record of the year for the single "Ojitos Lindos," featuring Bomba Estéreo.

He scored Spotify major wins in such 2020 top categories as Artist of the Year and most-streamed male artist.

Bad Bunny had the year's top-seller and the first all-Spanish language to debut at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 album chart.

This year, he also became the only artist in history to put on two separate \$100-million tours in less than 12 months with his "El Último Tour Del Mundo" and "World's Hottest Tour."

Last year at the Apple Music Awards, Rodrigo was named Breakthrough Artist of the Year, her "Sour" was named Best Album of the Year and her "drivers license" was Song of the Year. H.E.R. was Songwriter of the Year and The Weeknd was named Global Artist of the Year. □

## Jeff Cook, co-founder of country band Alabama, dies at 73

By **MARK KENNEDY** AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Guitarist Jeff Cook, who co-founded the country group Alabama and steered them up the charts with such hits as "Song of the South" and "Dixieland Delight," has died. He was 73.

Cook had Parkinson's disease and disclosed his diagnosis in 2017. He died Tuesday at his home in Destin, Florida, said Don Murry Grubbs, a representative for the band.

Tributes poured in from country stars, including Travis Tritt who called Cook "a great guy and one heckuva bass fisherman," and Jason Aldean, who tweeted: "I got a chance to perform with him multiple times over the years and I will never forget it." Kyle Young, CEO

of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, added: "Everything he did was rooted in his deep love of music, a love he shared with millions."

As a guitarist, fiddle player and vocalist, Cook — alongside cousins Randy Owen and Teddy Gentry — landed eight No. 1 songs on the country charts between spring 1980 and summer 1982, according to the Country Music Hall of Fame. That run included the pop crossover hits "Love In The First Degree" and "Feels So Right," as well as "Tennessee River" and "Mountain Music."

The band had a three-year run as CMA Entertainer of the Year from 1982-1985 and earned five ACM Award Entertainer of the Year trophies from 1981-

1985. He stopped touring with Alabama in 2018.

Cook released a handful of solo projects and toured with his Allstar Goodtime Band. He also released collaborations with Charlie Daniels and "Star Trek" star William Shatner. He entered the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2005 as a member of Alabama.

A song he co-wrote in 2015, "No Bad Days," took on new meaning after his diagnosis. "After I got the Parkinson's diagnosis, people would quote the song to me and say, 'No bad days,'" Cook told The Tennessean in 2019. "They write me letters, notes and emails and they sign 'No Bad Days.' I know the support is there."

Survivors include his wife, Lisa. □



**Guitarist and fiddle player Jeff Cook from the band Alabama appears on stage at the concert "Sing me Back Home: The Music of Merle Haggard" in Nashville, Tenn., on April 6, 2017.**

Associated Press.



# Griner sent to Russian penal colony to serve sentence

**MOSCOW (AP)** — American basketball star Brittney Griner has been sent to a penal colony in Russia to serve her sentence for drug possession, her legal team said Wednesday.

A Russian court rejected an appeal of her nine-year sentence last month. The eight-time all-star center with the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury and a two-time Olympic gold medalist was convicted Aug. 4 after police said they found vape canisters containing cannabis oil in her luggage at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport.

Her arrest came at a time of heightened tensions between Moscow and Washington, just days before Russia sent troops into Ukraine, and the politically charged case could lead to a high-stakes prisoner exchange between Washington and Moscow.

Griner's legal team said she left a detention center on Nov. 4 for a penal colony



**WNBA star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner speaks to her lawyers standing in a cage at a court room prior to a hearing, in Khimki just outside Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, July 26, 2022. A Russian court has on Tuesday, Oct. 23 started hearing American basketball star Brittney Griner's appeal against her nine-year prison sentence for drug possession.**

**Associated Press.**

a common type of Russian prison where detainees work for minimal pay.

Her lawyers said Wednesday that they did not know exactly where she was or

where she would end up but that they expected to be notified when she

reached her final destination. Such transfers can take days.

The 32-year-old star athlete, who was detained while returning to play for a Russian team during the WNBA's offseason, has admitted that she had the canisters in her luggage. But she testified that she had inadvertently packed them in haste and that she had no criminal intent.

Her defense team presented written statements that she had been prescribed cannabis to treat pain.

The Associated Press and other news organizations have reported that Washington has offered to exchange Griner and Paul Whelan, an American serving a 16-year sentence in Russia for espionage for Viktor Bout.

Bout is a Russian arms dealer who is serving a 25-year sentence in the U.S. and once earned the nickname the "merchant of death." □

## Kraken win fifth straight, beat Predators 5-1

**By TIM BOOTH AP Sports Writer**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — The Seattle Kraken are in a situation they really never faced in their inaugural season learning to deal with success.

Jordan Eberle scored two of Seattle's four goals in the first period, including the first shot of the game, and the Kraken beat the Nashville Predators 5-1 on Tuesday night for their fifth straight win.

Seattle enjoyed a night of firsts, posting its first five-game win streak in franchise history and the first time scoring four goals in a period that didn't include an empty-netter.

"I think the biggest thing for us right now is to not get too high, here," Eberle said. "I know we've won five in a row, but we have a big homestand, some really good teams that we're about to play. A lot of times you get a little bit lackadaisical and think things are

too easy, and that's when this league gets you."

Seattle's big night started nearly from the opening faceoff as Eberle beat Nashville's Juuse Saros on a slap shot from the right circle just 38 seconds into the game. Will Borgen made it 2-0 at 7:29 after Saros made an initial sprawling save to deny Morgan Geekie.

A bad Nashville turnover led to Andre Burakovsky's goal with 4:44 left, set up by Alex Wennberg's pass, and Eberle capped Seattle's big first period with his second goal 1:09 later off another Predators mistake.

Brandon Tanev added an empty-net goal with 1:11 left in the game for Seattle. Coming off an impressive three-game road sweep with wins in Calgary, Minnesota and Pittsburgh, the Kraken continued to roll in the opener of a season-high six-game homestand. Burakovsky added a pair of assists to go with his fourth goal, his first three-point

game of the season.

"I think last couple games here doing our five-game winning streak we've been having good starts," Burakovsky said. "I think that was a little bit of a problem earlier in the year where we came out a little bit sleeping and we've been talking about it a lot. Now I think we were coming out hot. That sets the tone for sure." Nashville saw its two-game win streak snapped and lost whatever momentum was gained from rallying from down 3-0 to beat Vancouver in a shootout on Saturday.

Saros was lifted after allowing four goals on six shots and replaced by Kevin Lankinen. Saros has allowed 13 goals in his last three starts. Lankinen saved all 13 shots he faced.

"We knew it was gonna be a tough game here and and probably played better than 5-1," Nashville's Filip Forsberg said. "I thought the result was not necessar-



**Seattle Kraken forward Jordan Eberle is congratulated by teammates on the bench after scoring a goal against the Nashville Predators during the first period of an NHL hockey game, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, in Seattle.**

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ily indicative of the game, but at the same time that's what happened."

Forsberg scored his fifth of the season on a breakaway midway through the second period but that was the only time the Predators managed to beat Seattle goalie Martin Jones. Jones continued to excel in goal since taking on the full-time starter's role with Philipp Grubauer out with a lower-body injury. Jones made 24 saves and improved to 5-1

in his last six starts.

Jones withstood a barrage of Nashville shots following Eberle's early goal and Borgen's second goal of the season was a needed relief from the pressure.

Borgen had two goals in 36 games all of last season.

"We've played real well here over the last stretch and to have that start here was a good start, was an important start to the hockey game," Seattle coach Dave Hakstol said. □



# EXPLAINER: Laws and customs in Qatar ahead of 2022 World Cup



A Qatari man greets a boy in traditional Gulf Arab style during an event in the Msheireb district of Doha, Qatar, May 6, 2018. Qatar has sought to portray itself as welcoming foreigners to this hereditarily ruled emirate, where traditional Muslim values remain strong.

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Over a million sports fans will go to Qatar for the World Cup in November and December, a spectacle that typically turns host countries into a nonstop party. But this year may be different. The tiny, conservative Muslim nation may show little tolerance for the booze-fueled hooliganism that has unfolded at tournaments past. Qatar has sought to portray itself as welcoming to foreigners but traditional Muslim values remain strong in the hereditarily ruled emirate. Qatar's judicial system, based on an interpretation of Islamic law, or Shariah, has drawn Western criticism for its tendency to favor prosecutors and police.

The autocratic country says it will loosen up for the unprecedented influx of tourists. But fans attending the World Cup should be mindful of Qatar's laws and cultural customs, including policies for alcohol, drugs, sexuality and dress code. Here's a look at the some of them:

## ALCOHOL

Alcohol is served only in hotel restaurants and bars that have licenses in Qatar. It is illegal to consume it elsewhere. Non-Muslim residents of Doha who have a liquor license, however, may drink at home. At the World Cup, fans will be allowed to buy Budweiser beer within stadium compounds though not at concourse concession stands before and after games. Fans can also drink in the evenings at a designated "fan zone" in downtown Doha. Generally in Qatar, public drunkenness is punishable by hefty fines and jailing. But the head of Qatar's security operations has said that during the tournament, police will turn a blind eye to most offenses but potentially make arrests if someone gets into a drunken brawl or damages public property.

The legal drinking age is 21, and bouncers at bars often ask for photo ID or passports upon entry.

## DRUGS

Qatar is one of the world's most restrictive nations when it comes to drugs, prohibiting cannabis and even over-the-counter medications like narcotics, sedatives and amphetamines. The sale, trafficking and possession of illegal drugs may lead to severe penalties, including long-term prison sentences followed by deportation and heavy fines.

Drug smuggling charges can carry the death penalty. World Cup fans should be aware of these laws when arriving at Hamad International Airport, where authorities scan bags and passengers with new security technology and have arrested those carrying the smallest quantities of drugs. □

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